

WATER:

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Young, Willard Richards and other authorities signed a document granting one-half the waters of Provo River "at or near the mouth of the canyon" to four canal companies, including the Upper East Union Canal, Timpanogos Canal, West Union Canal (Hooper and Enterprise) and Provo Bench Canal Company.

The document was taken to Provo city and rejected. The city granted the canal companies one-eighth of the water, rather than one-half, and the decision was not challenged.

Water became a hot issue during the Utah Constitutional Convention in 1895. A committee appointed to study water rights issued both majority and minority reports.

The majority report said the state owns all the water, subject to existing water rights. The minority report said that all rights at the time of statehood are vested.

Subsequently, the constitution adopted the statement that all water rights are vested. In arguments, the delegates said if there was any question about rights, the parties could go to the court and settle it.

At the time of statehood, Provo City had reserved 0.43

percent of the Provo River for its own uses. The remainder was "up for grabs" and the city granted the remainder to various private canal and ditch companies that made application for water.

In order to confirm those rights, the parties involved thought it best to have them confirmed by the court.

Judge Morse got his first water case involving Provo River in 1902, and he issued a "consent decree," or one in which all parties involved stipulated those rights for court approval.

In this decree, Judge Morse found Provo to have the following rights:

- When the volume of the river was more than 15,000 cubic feet per minute (250 cubic feet per second), Provo's right was 35.25 percent of the flow.

- When the volume of the river was more than 12,000 cfm (200 cfs), but less than 15,000 cfm (250 cfs), Provo's right was 38.95 percent of the flow.

- When the volume of the river was less than 12,000 cfm (200 cfs), Provo's right was 40.23 percent of the flow.

As the flow in the river decreased, Provo city's right increased.

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It said wreckage, baggage and part of the framework of a metal luggage pallet were being examined by Ministry of Defense scientists, while more items have been collected by Air Accidents Investigation Branch investigators "will be subjected to lengthy chemical and metallurgical forensic examinations."

In London, meanwhile, pine coffins containing the first bodies of Americans killed in the Dec. 21 crash arrived at Heathrow Airport and were loaded onto two separate Pan Am flights bound for New York.

In Scotland, authorities said they had formally identified two more victims: Michael Joseph Doyle, 30, of Voorhees, N.J., and Sean Concannon, 16, of Banbury, England.

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ion and Labor subcommittee on postsecondary education, is one of the lawmakers holding back to see what Bush does.

"We'll give him bills and test whether he wants to be the education president," said Williams.

Mary Hartwood Futrell, president of the National Education Association, said she doesn't "anticipate any new education) dollars until the third or fourth year of the new administration. What we probably saw (during the cam-

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effect on Jan. 1. Australia, New Zealand, Brazil and Argentina already have agreed to ship only hormone-free beef to Europe.

Yeutter, who is President-elect Bush's choice for agriculture secretary, said the European ban constituted an unfair trade practice because there was no scientific evidence that the hormones, which are used to increase bulk, cause any health effects in humans.

Today

Slight chance of snow Thursday

Tonight mostly cloudy. Slight chance of light snow mainly in the Provo area. Lows 5-10 degrees. Thursday considerable cloudiness with a slight chance of snow late in the day.

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